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June 14, 2011

Ms. Marlene Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: In the Matter of the proposed transaction merging T-Mobile USA and AT&T (WT Docket No. 11-65).

Dear Commissioners:

As Speaker of the Kentucky House of Representatives, I appeal to you on behalf of the men and women living in rural areas of our state. Please give your approval to the proposed transaction to merge T-Mobile USA and AT&T.

Rural Kentucky is home to families and communities of hard-working men and women of great patriotism and strong work ethics. Kentucky's economic recovery has been an uphill battle and we are hard at work to create a stable, attractive business environment. With a strong, attractive, sustainable business community, we can attract high-quality businesses, experienced teachers and health care professionals.

Wireless broadband availability in these areas could be a powerful agent of change. Telemedicine applications could give these rural citizens access to doctors and specialists beyond their physical borders. Educational websites and distance learning programs could help Kentuckians expand their body of knowledge, develop new skills, and pursue accreditations that make them stronger job applicants and more informed citizens. Likewise, wireless broadband could strengthen the ability and flexibility of businesses as they strive to stay afloat in hard economic times by simplifying daily operations and making communication more effortless and reliable.

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T-Mobile USA and AT&T together can empower rural Kentuckians by expanding wireless broadband availability and strengthening the service their rural customers receive. In light of these facts, I hope you will support this merger.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Stumbo". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Greg" being more prominent than the last name "Stumbo".

Greg Stumbo  
Speaker, Kentucky House of Representatives

C: Chairman Julius Genachowski  
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Commissioner Robert McDowell